

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed on December 3, 2004, the Examiner rejected claims 1 – 3, 8, 9, 16, 17, 21, 22, , 29, 32, and 33, objected to claims 4 – 7, 10, 11, 18 – 20, 23, and 24, and allowed claims 12 – 15, 25 – 28, 30, and 31. With this Amendment, Applicant has amended claims 1, 16, and 25, canceled claims 11, 24, 29, 32, and 33 and added claim 34. The application now includes claims 1 – 10, 12 – 23, 25 – 28, 30, 31, and 34.

The Examiner objected to claims 4 – 7, 10, 11, 18 – 20, 23, and 24 as being dependent on a rejected base claim. With this Amendment, Applicant has amended the claims in accordance with the Examiner's instructions.

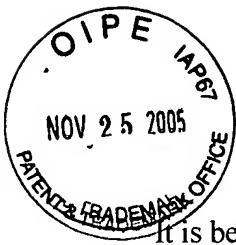
Enclosed herewith is a Petition for Three-Months Extension of Time together with a check in the amount of \$ 510.00.

REJECTION OF CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner rejected claims 1 – 3, 8, 16, 17, 21, 29, 32, and 33 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by the Anderson patent. Applicant has amended the claims to better define the invention of the present application and canceled claims 29, 32, and 33. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of claims 1 – 3, 8, 16, 17, and 21 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) be withdrawn and that claims 1 – 3, 8, 16, 17, and 21 be held allowable.

REJECTION OF CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner rejected claims 9 and 22 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Anderson patent. Applicant has amended the claims to better define the invention of the present application. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of claims 9 and 22 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) be withdrawn and that claims 9 and 22 be held allowable.



CONCLUSION

It is believed that the present application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

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